1	2	3	4	5	6
21.	Tamil Nadu	4,731	941	816	86.71
22.	Tripura	168	331	330	99.69
23.	Uttar Pradesh	37,631	25,882	20,751	80.17
24.	West Bengal	8,924	1,115	836	74.97
25.	A & N Island	2,143	1,994	2,046	102.61
26.	Dadra, Nagar & Haveli	141	262	262	100.00
	Total	41,2,758	48,8,678	23,7,497	48.59

Sugar

3521. SHRI MUKHTAR ANIS : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated production, demand, export and import of sugar during the current sugar season (1996-97); and

(b) the unit cost of production, unit import price CIF Bombay and estimated export price FOB Bombay of Sugar?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) Firm estimates of sugar production during the current 1996-97 season are not available. However, with the carry over stock at the beginning of the seasons and the production during the current year, there would be sufficient availability to meet the internal requirement of about 138 lakh tonnes for the sugar season 1996-97. No import is evisaged during the current sugar season. In view of the comfortable availability position, efforts would be made to export as much sugar as possible.

(b) The average all-India ex-factory levy price based on the Statutory Minimum Price of Sugarcane for the 1995-96 season and conversion cost as recommended by BICP, works out to Rs.876.75 per quintal. Estimated export price, FOB Bombay will depend upon the prevailing world market condition at the time of making the sales.

Foreign Tours by Ministers

3522. SHRI ISWAR PRASANNA HAZARIKA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of Ministers and Ministers of State who have undertaken foreign tours during September, October and November, 1996;

(b) the number of foreign trips undertaken by each of them together with names of countries visited, specific purposes of the visits and number of accompanying staff and the others travelling at the cost of the Government in each trip;

(c) total cost incurred on each trip including the cost incurred on account of accompanying persons;

(d) whether the trip was at the initiative of Minister or on invitation from countries visited, in each case; and

(e) the tangible results, if any, achieved from their visits to the respective countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Recruitment of disabled persons and women in Government service

3523. DR. VALLABH BHAI KATHERIA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have issued or propose to issue special directives for the recruitment of disabled persons and women in the Central Government and other Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) to (c). Prime Minister has written on 20.9.96 to the Central Ministers and Chief Ministers of States and UTs to launch a vigorous drive to identify vacancies and recruit persons with disabilities including women so that the reservation no less than three percent as envisaged in the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opprotunities, Protection of Rights & Full Participation) Act, 1995 is achieved.

[English]

Standard Emission Norms

3524. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news appearing in the 'Financial Express'